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IN RE APPLICATION OF:
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CONFIRMATION NO: 1538

APPLICATION NO: 09/839,185

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FILED: April 19, 2001

EXAMINER: Moonan, Francis P.

FOR: Apomixis Conferred By Expression Of SERK Interacting Proteins

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for Three Month Extension of Time for entry of this paper is requested.

AMENDMENTS**In the specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The skilled person who has the benefit of the present disclosure will also recognize that a SERK-interacting genes may be transformed into plant material which may be propagated and/or differentiated and used as an explant from which somatic embryos can be obtained. Expression of such sequences in the transformed tissue substantially increases the percentage of

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